Under the new law governing the appointment of female resident physicians to the State hospitals for the insane, six appointments have been made. In addition to those just enumerated, Dr. Caroline I. Pease is at Poughkeepsie, Dr. Eleanor McAllister at Buffalo, and Dr. E. G. Irwin at Binghamton.

The first appointment of a woman as assistant physician in a hospital for the insane was made some twenty years ago.

An open competitive examination of candidates for junior assistant physicians in any of the State hospitals and asylums will be held at the rooms of the Civil Service Commission, Albany, N. Y., Thursday, August 20, 1891, commencing at 10 A.M.

Candidates must be citizens of the State of New York, at least twenty-one years of age, and have had at least one year's experience in a hospital or three years experience in the general practice of medicine.

STATE HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE, MT. PLEASANT, IOWA.

This, the oldest hospital for the insane in the State of Iowa, having been in existence now thirty-four years, has been much enlarged and improved under the energetic management of the present superintendent, Dr. H. A. Silman. The capacity, eight hundred patients, is double that of ten years ago.

Recently completed and much-needed improvements are in the way of a cold storage, a new ice-house with a capacity of one thousand tons, a one hundred and fifty horse power engine, replacing the one in use for thirty years, and a new slaughter and packing house which is in process of construction. All these improvements tend directly to the material welfare of the household. But we can but feel that both superintendent and patients are to be especially congratulated upon the near completion of a new amusement hall, capable of seating five or six hundred patients, and the enlargement of the old chapel which heretofore has done duty as church, concert hall, theatre and ball-room, and which with a capacity of but two hundred, has for full fifteen years been entirely inadequate to the needs of the institution. The floor space has been enlarged and a circular gallery put in, so that it will now accommodate all who desire to

attend services. A fine new pipe organ has replaced the old cabinet.

The last report devotes considerable space, text and illustrations of microscopical sections to the work of Dr. Peck, the special pathologist. There are given the histories, *post-mortem* and microscopical examinations of cases of acute mania, acute delirious mania and chronic mania with differential cerebral lesions.

From the statistical tables we find that of the fifty-five cases of general paresis admitted from the beginning, twenty-four were admitted during the last biennial period, while of the four female cases, three were admitted during that period, showing a notable increase in this condition for an agricultural and Prohibition State without any large centres of population. Dr. Strobehen has recently been appointed to the position of Dr. Straub, third assistant physician, who resigned a few months since for the purpose of pursuing his professional studies in Vienna.

EXAMINATION FOR ATTENDANTS ON THE INSANE.

The new regulation of the Medico-Psychological Association, England, for training, certification and registration of attendants on the insane may be considered as fairly in force now that the first examination is over. The next number of the official organ of that association will undoubtedly contain a report of examination results. A committee of the association have edited a "Handbook for Attendants on the Insane," which is used in conducting the examinations.

BUFFALO STATE HOSPITAL TRAINING-SCHOOL.

This hospital graduated its fifth class of nurses from its training-school on June 16, 1891. The class numbered fourteen—nine women and five men. The opening of a new and spacious ward in the hospital was celebrated the same day, the occasion being altogether one of much interest. Dr. J. B. Andrews is to be congratulated upon the meritorious results of his first decade as superintendent.